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RE: Lawrence County - General  
Section 106 Review - STB  
The Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment  
of Hoxie, Arkansas to Walport, Arkansas. Surface Transportation  
Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 411X)  
AHPP Tracking No: 52471

Dear Mr. Smith:

My staff has reviewed a draft report entitled *Cultural Resource Investigations along the BNSF Abandonment of Railroad Line from Hoxie to Walport, Lawrence County, Arkansas* by Mr. Toby Morrow. This report documents the on-the-ground marking of archeological sites 3LW358, 3LW363 and 3LW364 so that they can be avoided during the removal of 6.7 miles of railroad line. This report is acceptable and we find that this undertaking will have no adverse effect on these sites. We remind Burlington Northern Santa Fe that it is their responsibility to ensure that avoidance is accomplished.

Thank you for your interest and concern for the cultural heritage of Arkansas. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Imhoff of my staff at (501) 324-9880.

Sincerely,

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Dr. Ann M. Early, Arkansas Archeological Survey  
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